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For: METHOD FOR CHANGING THE IMAGE SIZE OF VIDEO IMAGES

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicants file herewith the above-referenced application. Please amend the application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

~~Please claims 1 through 14 without prejudice.~~

Please add the following new claims.

15. A method for changing the image size of video images, decimation of video image signals (V) being carried out by an integral decimation factor (MHD, MVD), and a fine decimation of the video image signals (V) additionally being carried out by a fine decimation factor (SHS, SVS) which can be adjusted to non-integral values, and a total decimation factor (MH, MV) relevant to the decimation of the video image signals (V) being formed from the integral decimation factor (MHD, MVD) and the fine decimation factor (SHS, SVS), characterized in that firstly the fine decimation of the video image signals (V) by the non-integral fine decimation factor (SHS, SVS), and subsequently the decimation by the integral decimation factor (MHD, MVD) are carried out.